

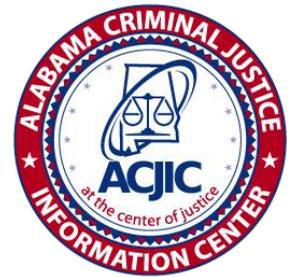
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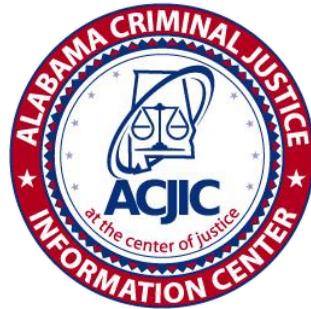
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2012 Domestic Violence in Alabama



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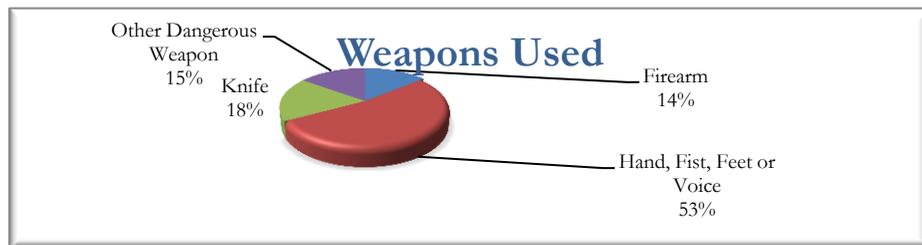
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Domestic Violence – 2012

- Of the **20,863** violent offenses* reported in 2012, **14%** were domestic violence incidents. Domestic violence was indicated in **2,992** offenses reported: in **24** homicides; **183** rapes; **63** robberies; and in **2,722** aggravated assaults. **1,753** incidents of domestic violence were cleared for a **64%** clearance rate. **45%** of the clearances were exceptional, i.e. lack of prosecution.
- There were **32,995** domestic simple assaults, which represent **39%** of all simple assaults reported in 2012. **18,182** domestic simple assaults were cleared for a **55%** clearance rate. **52%** of the clearances were exceptional.
- 78%** of the victims were females, and **22%** were males. **48%** of the victims were black, and **52%** were white. In **73%** the offender was male.
- A firearm was the weapon used in **14%** of the offenses; hands, fists or feet were used as a weapon in **53%**; a knife was the weapon used in **18%**; and other dangerous weapons were used in **15%**.
- 82%** of the offenses occurred at a residence; **7%** occurred in a highway, street or alley; **3%** occurred in a parking lot; **1%** occurred in a hotel or motel; and **7%** occurred in all other locations.
- In **22%** of domestic violence offenses the victim was the wife/ex-wife of the offender; in **43%** the victim was the girlfriend/ex-girlfriend of the offender.

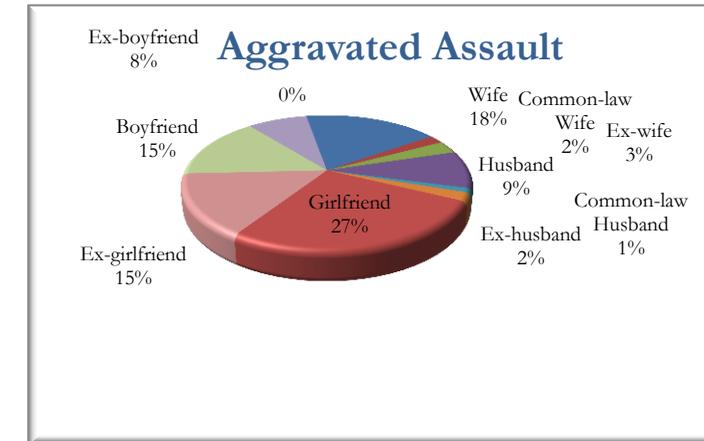
*Excluding simple assaults



Domestic Violence - Aggravated Assault

Relationship of Victim and Offender

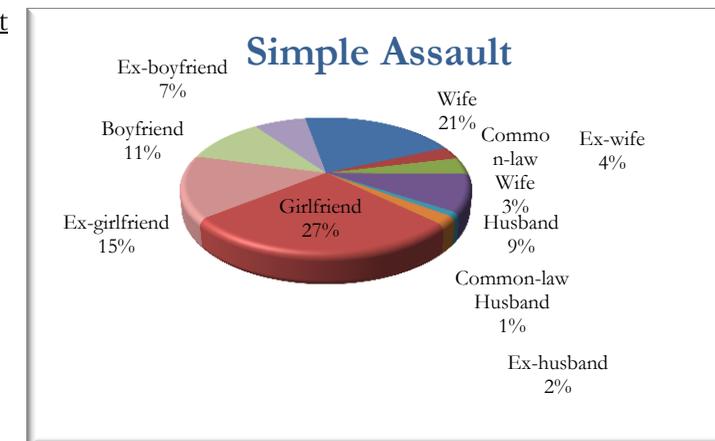
The Victim was:	Percent
Wife	18%
Common-law wife	2%
Ex-wife	3%
Husband	9%
Common-law husband	1%
Ex-husband	2%
Girlfriend	27%
Ex-girlfriend	15%
Boyfriend	15%
Ex-boyfriend	8%



Domestic Violence - Simple Assault

Relationship of Victim and Offender

The Victim was:	Percent
Wife	21%
Common-law wife	3%
Ex-wife	4%
Husband	9%
Common-law husband	1%
Ex-husband	2%
Girlfriend	27%
Ex-girlfriend	15%
Boyfriend	11%
Ex-boyfriend	7%



girlfriend or ex-girlfriend.

Domestic Violence – Assault

Aggravated

- Of the **14,479** aggravated assaults reported in 2012, **2,722** were domestic aggravated assaults - or **19%** of all aggravated assaults reported in Alabama for that year. **1,600** incidents of domestic aggravated assault were cleared for a **59%** clearance rate. **43%** of the clearances were exceptional.
- A firearm was the weapon used in **14%** of the assaults; hands, fists or feet were used as a weapon in **50%**; a knife was the weapon used in **19%**; and other dangerous weapons were used in **17%**.
- **61%** of the victims were injured.
- **23%** of the victims were a wife or ex-wife of the offender; **42%** of the victims were a girlfriend or ex-girlfriend of the offender; **12%** of the victims were a husband or ex-husband of the offender; and **23%** were the boyfriend or ex-boyfriend of the offender. **48%** of the offenders were black, and **71%** were males.

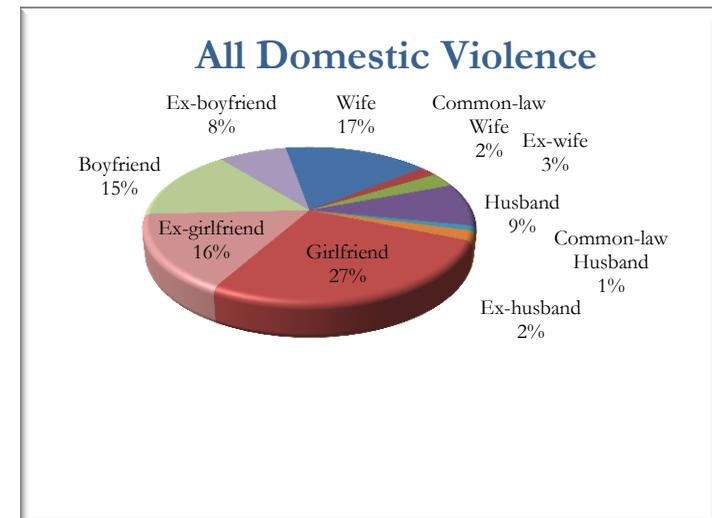
Simple

- There were **32,995** domestic simple assaults reported in 2012, or **39%** of all simple assaults for that year. **18,182** incidents of domestic simple assaults were cleared for a **55%** clearance rate. **52%** of the clearances were exceptional, i.e. lack of prosecution.
- Hands, fists, feet or voice were used as a weapon in **89%** of these assaults; however, **42%** of the victims still reported injuries.
- **28%** of the victims were a wife or ex-wife to the offender; **42%** were a

Domestic Violence

Relationship of Victim and Offender

The Victim was:	Percent
Wife	17%
Common-law wife	2%
Ex-wife	3%
Husband	9%
Common-law husband	1%
Ex-husband	2%
Girlfriend	27%
Ex-girlfriend	16%
Boyfriend	15%
Ex-boyfriend	8%



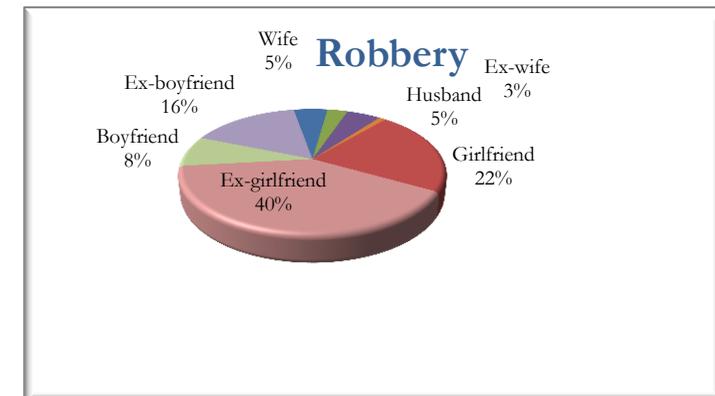
Domestic Violence - Homicide

- There were **24** domestic homicides reported in 2012, representing **7%** of the **325** homicides reported in Alabama for that year. **16** domestic homicides were cleared for an **67%** clearance rate.
- **25%** of the victims were males, and **75%** were females. **58%** of the victims were black, **38%** were white, and **4%** were Asian.
- A firearm was the weapon used in **79%** of the homicides; a knife was the weapon used **8%**; hands, fists or feet were used as a weapon in **0%**; and other dangerous weapons were used in **13%**.
- In **37%** of the homicides the victim was the wife or ex-wife of the offender; in **18%** the victim was the husband or ex-husband; in **38%** the victim was the girlfriend or ex-girlfriend; and in **17%** of the homicides the victim was the boyfriend or ex-boyfriend of the offender.
- **83%** of the homicides occurred at a residence; **8%** occurred in a highway, street or alley; and **9%** occurred in other locations.
- In **63%** of the homicides the offender was black; and in **75%** the offender was a male. **58%** of the homicides had black victims and black offenders; **38%** had white victims and white offenders; **0%** had white victims and black offenders; **0%** had black victims and white offenders; and in **4%** the race of the offender was unknown.

Domestic Violence - Robbery

Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Wife	5%
Common law-wife	0%
Ex-wife	3%
Husband	5%
Common law-husband	0%
Ex-husband	1%
Girlfriend	22%
Ex-girlfriend	40%
Boyfriend	8%
Ex-boyfriend	16%



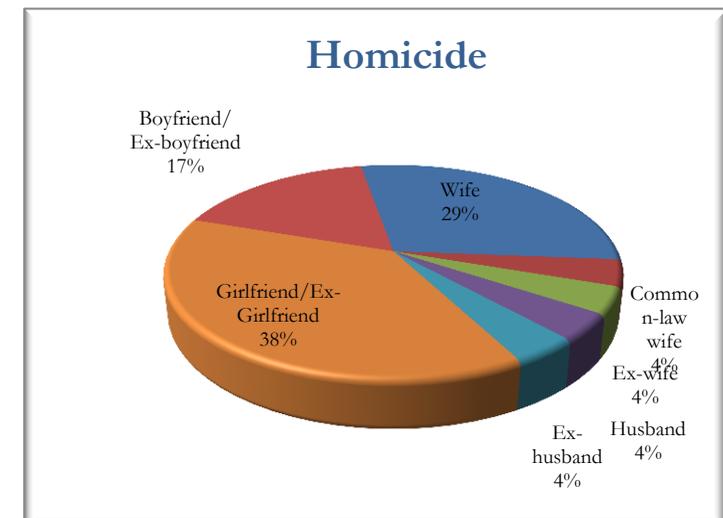
Domestic Violence - Robbery

- There were **63** robberies in 2012 that indicated domestic violence. This represents **1%** of the **4,795** robberies reported for Alabama in that year. **38** domestic robberies were cleared for a **60%** clearance rate. **63%** of the clearances were exceptional.
- A firearm was the weapon used in **5%** of the robberies; hands, fists or feet were used as a weapon in **84%**; a knife was the weapon used in **3%**; and other dangerous weapons were used in **8%**.
- **43%** of the victims suffered injuries.
- **62%** of the victims were the girlfriend or ex-girlfriend of the offender; **8%** of the victims were the wife or ex-wife of the offender; and **24%** were the boyfriend or ex-boyfriend of the offender.
- **59%** of the offenses occurred at a residence; **21%** occurred in a street or alley; **5%** occurred in a parking lot; **5%** occurred at a gas station; and **10%** occurred in other locations.
- In **63%** of the robberies, the offender was black and in **81%** the offender was a male.

Domestic Violence - Homicide

Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Wife	29%
Common-law wife	4%
Ex-wife	4%
Husband	4%
Common-law husband	0%
Ex-husband	4%
Girlfriend/Ex-girlfriend	38%
Boyfriend/Ex-boyfriend	17%



Domestic Violence - Rape

- There were **183** domestic violence rapes in 2012, representing **14%** of the **1,264** rapes reported in Alabama for that year. **99** domestic rapes were cleared for a **54%** clearance rate. **70%** of the clearances were exceptional.
- **29%** of the victims were black females and **71%** were white females.
- A firearm was the weapon used in **3%** of the rapes; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in **89%**; a knife was the weapon used in **2%**; and other dangerous weapons were used in **6%**.
- **40%** of the victims suffered injuries.
- **76%** of the victims were the girlfriend or ex-girlfriend of the offender, and **24%** of the victims were the wife or ex-wife of the offender.
- **86%** of the offenses occurred at a residence; **3%** occurred in a street or alley; **3%** occurred in a hotel or motel, and **8%** occurred in other locations.
- In **54%** of the rapes the offender was white; in **37%** the offender was black; and in **9%** of the rapes the race of the offender was unknown.
- **35%** of domestic rape victims were juveniles.

Domestic Violence - Rape

Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Wife	16%
Common-law wife	3%
Ex-wife	5%
Girlfriend	49%
Ex-girlfriend	27%

